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been the topic of discussion at workshops, the version submitted in the petition replaces the first draft and is still pending review and recommendations by the Planning Commission, which is anticipated to present its findings at a future Town Meeting. The Town Council is continuing its review of the DRRA to assure compliance with the Annexation Agreement, and other specific relevant points of interest required by the Town. A Public Workshop was held on October 12th and a Public Hearing was held on October 26th. Public comment was taken, primarily on the subject of the building of a new Town Hall and Police Dept. and how to best utilize the existing Town Hall building, along with contributions to be made to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. There was strong citizen opposition to the preliminary option of demolishing the existing building. Several alternatives were mentioned for consideration, including discussion concerning location and parking issues. Review by the Planning Commission at their October 19th meeting affirmed that the DRRA agreement is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Specific issues of public access and accessibility for non-motorized boats were designated for future review and determination. At future Town Meetings, the Town Council will review public comments and introduce a final version of the DRRA to begin the acceptance process. Final approval will follow only after an additional Public Hearing(s) and compliance with Town requirements. The DRRA would qualify for a final vote no sooner than the Dec. 7th Town Meeting. The Town Council also mentioned the Town and the developer are working with Talbot County and the Maryland Department of the Environment on issues regarding water & sewer permitting.

The DRRA is available for public review at the Town Office.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL FOR CONTINUED DRRA REVIEW & FINAL PUD PRESENTATION ON NOVEMBER 16TH AT 7:00 P.M.

"Snack" Ordinance: Ordinance 7-2005 was introduced to the Town Council. This zoning amendment removes the limitation in C-2 Zoning for 600 sq. ft. gross area required for the retail sale of snacks. A **Public Hearing will be held November 2, 2005 at 7:15 p.m.**

Street Repairs: Following a Public Hearing held October 26th, **Ordinance 6-2005** was passed authorizing the execution of a renewable line of credit Promissory Note in the principal amount of \$200,000 to finance repairs, maintenance, and improvements of Maple Avenue and Hennissee Lane. Repairs and resurfacing will be performed by the bid winning contractor beginning in mid-November. Residents will be notified in advance so that streets can be cleared of vehicles, etc.



ANNOUNCING THE 1ST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

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Do you have a great photograph of a favorite scene, event, or person (past or present) in Trappe? If so,

be sure to enter it in our Annual Photo Contest. Each month, we will share the entries with our readers. At the end of the year a winner will be announced. Entries may be emailed to trappeindex@verizon.net or dropped off at the Town Office.

OCTOBER WINNER ~ Submitted by: Barbara Coleman

Barbara ("Leader B") Coleman on a Girl Scout field trip to Trappe Volunteer Fire Department. Although firefighting remains a male-dominated activity, more and more women are entering the field. Girls may volunteer starting at age 11 and can begin riding equipment at 16.

Disclaimer: In submitting a photo entry, you grant *The Index* the right to use the image in Town publications. Winning photographs will be published in *The Index* and may be displayed on Town Web site. Entrants are responsible for obtaining photo-release permission from subjects shown in submitted photographs, including the permission of parents for children under age 18.

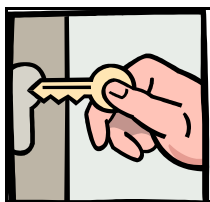
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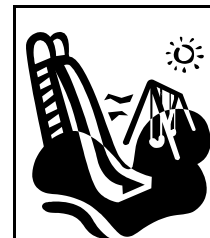
Talbot County Public Schools Forms Citizens Advisory Committee Last year, the Talbot County Board of Education formed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), comprised of a representative from each school and appointed members from the community. The purpose of the committee is twofold: (1) to advise the Board and to facilitate its activities and programs in the public schools, and (2) To advise the Board in the formulation and review of general policy and procedures for the operation of the public schools. The group is dedicated to our public schools and enthusiastic about their role.

I would like to introduce myself as the representative to CAC from White Marsh Elementary. The committee has addressed such topics as inclement weather / school opening policies, promotion standards, field trip procedure, test scores, and many others. If any parent, teacher, staff, or community member has

thoughts or opinions they would like to share on these (or any other) subjects, please feel free to contact me so that I may pass them on to the committee for consideration. Ann Dorbin ~ 410.476.3910 ~ anndorbin@verizon.net.



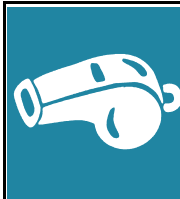
As many of you know, there have been a several incidents of theft in town, please take the time to secure your homes and personal belongings to assist the Sheriff's office in reducing these types of crimes.



Please note the County has removed most of the playground equipment found at the Old Ball Park for safety reasons. They have applied for a grant to replace it with new equipment, but they have not received any grant money yet. We will try to keep everyone informed of any changes at the park.

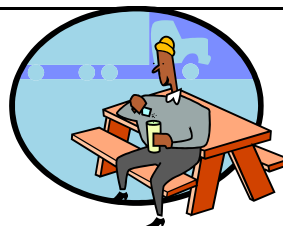


Please remember there is a leash law for dogs and cats county wide. All dogs and cats off of their property must be on a leash or under the immediate supervision of the owner or custodian. If you have a problem with a stray animal or have a question, please contact the Talbot County Animal Shelter at 410-822-0107.



Easton High School's Winter Sports Orientation will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. All athletes who plan to play a winter sport must attend this orientation. Winter sports begin on November 14.

POST OFFICE NEWS



Perhaps you've noticed the picnic table on the side lawn of the Trappe Post Office. We are also planting and mulching a flower bed. A pink dogwood tree from Ed Cannon's plaque dedication at the Town Hall has also been planted. This area is intended to be a place for Post Office staff and community members to rest and visit. Anyone having plants or other items they would like to donate to the area, contact Ann Dorbin, 410.476.3910 or anndorbin@verizon.net.



Trappe United Methodist Church Youth Group Is Sponsoring A Community Dinner

Saturday, November 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Church Hall

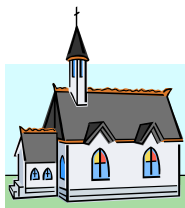
Spaghetti, Salad and Bread.

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children 3-12, under 3 free. Desserts: \$1 each.

Carry-outs available. Tell your friends, come support our UMYF trip to Youth Rally in Ocean City, January, 2006.



This Year's Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m. at Trappe UMC. Come join your neighbors as we give thanks for the blessings of the year past.



November 10 is when youth choir starts - 5:45-6:30 on Thursdays. Rehearsal for our Choir/Sunday School Christmas program will be on Sunday, Dec 11 at 1 pm after fellowship lunch. The Christmas Program will be presented on Sunday, Dec 18 at 11 am..

We have a new intensive Bible study being held on Tuesday evenings, 7-9:30 beginning on November 22 and continuing for eight sessions, through January (with a break for holidays.) "Invitation to the Old Testament". Cost is \$21 per participant or \$30 per couple. Let Pastor Cindy know by November 15 if you wish to participate. There is daily reading required, as well as the class each week.

Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m. Trappe-Bruceville UMW will sponsor a Jordan Travelogue by Pastor Cindy, reporting on her recent trip. All men and women of the community are invited.

Girls Scout Brownies #906 and Junior #1216 Troops take time to learn about fire safety with the help of TVFD Volunteer Fire Fighters .

By Barbara ("Leader B") Coleman



On October 20th, Ben Diefenderfer, Station 30 Chief, talked to our local Girl Scouts about fire safety. A firefighter dressed in a full turnout gear demonstrated what a fireman would look and sound like if he were to enter their house for a rescue. The girls were not afraid. They also had a chance to sit in the fire truck and see the equipment used for firefighting and rescues.

Chief Diefenderfer talked about **the importance of smoke alarms and having an escape plan**. The young ladies learned that they can join the volunteers starting at age 11, but would not be able to ride in any fire equipment until age 16. We had a great time and learned a lot about fire safety. We gained a great appreciation for all the volunteers in our community!

Girls in attendance: Joy Coleman, Megan Outten, Caley Christopher, Ashley Christopher, Isabelle Morrison, Abigail Morrison, Emily Christopher, Marley Matthews, and guests Faith & Grace Gallagher
Adults: Barbara ("Leader B.") Coleman, Paige Outten, Becky Bischoff, and Jill Christopher

More Girl Scout News :

Our year round service project is collecting items throughout the year for distributing locally, with in Talbot County. We will be collecting the following items each month:

November we will be collecting Hats & Gloves
December will be holiday gift
January will be Baby items



Items can be home made or store purchased.
Please contact Leader B. for pick up or more information. 410-476-3128.

December we will meet on the 1st for a pot luck family gathering and then take a Holiday break until January

Don't forget Cookie sales begin on January 14th ...

Did you know girl scout cookie sale is an official Holiday on the Girl Scout Calendar?



The WMES Grandparents Club will meet Nov. 8 at 10 am at the school. Grandparents Day is Nov. 18 at the school from 9 am - 2 pm. We will be having our fundraiser the same day at the school. **We will be doing a silent auction at the school and from now until Nov. 18 we will be raffling off a weeks vacation at a condo in Ocean City. Chances are 3 for \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing chances call Julie Libby at 410-476-4822. We also need your help, your donations of new things to auction off (need to know what it is, value, and who is donating by Oct. 26), and also finger foods for the hospitality room.**

Any help or donations you can give will be appreciated. All grandparents or grandparent figures are welcome at the meeting. Come and join us on Grandparents Day and visit your grandchild's classroom, have lunch with him/her, get your pictures taken and have some snacks with your grandchild in our hospitality room. Also please support our silent auction and our raffle. Our grandchildren deserve the best.





News from Town Clerk:

- The Town Office will be **CLOSED** Friday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and Thur & Fri Nov. 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving. Please keep our Veteran's in your Hearts.
- Street repairs and resurfacing will be performed on Maple Avenue and Hennissee Lane in mid-November. Residents living on these streets will be notified in advance so that streets can be cleared of vehicles, etc
- We are still working on raising funds for additional Lighted Christmas Decorations and Holiday Banners for our town streets, please see our two fund raisers below. For anyone interested in purchasing a Lighted Christmas Ornament to hang on one of our town electric poles, in memory of a loved one, the prices are currently \$199 for a Snowflake and \$269 for an Angel. The ornaments can only be hung on designated poles, but we are working on a way to put a memorial plaque on poles with donated ornaments.



photograph courtesy of Frank Hall

FOR SALE *TRAPPE* POTTERY :

All proceeds benefit the Town of Trappe Christmas Decoration Fund
Beautiful, custom made ceramic pottery pieces of all kinds ~ Ovenproof, Microwaveable, and Dishwasher-safe ~ Many pieces to choose from ~ including commemorative designs for Town churches

The perfect gift for that hard to shop for person on your Holiday list...

**Doll crib, doll highchair, wooden kitchen items, and more!
These items would make great Christmas Gifts...**

*The Town Office is selling chances on these items handmade by our Assistant Wastewater Superintendent, Steve Callahan. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the Town Meeting on **December 7th**.*

All proceeds will be used for Christmas Decorations.

For info please stop by or call the Town Office 410.476.3170

Mitchum's Market officially opened its doors on October 11, 2005 after extensive renovations to the property located at Main and Maple Streets in downtown Trappe, the former location of Defender Antiques. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The lunch menu includes fresh homemade salads and soups, along with specialty items such as Grilled Belmont Steak Sandwich and Jamaica Point Pulled Pork BBQ with special sauces. For the adventure-some palate, try the Grilled Peanut Butter and Banana Sandwich or Fresh Arugula and Tomato with Artichoke Wrap. Create Your Own Sandwich and Create Your Own Salad are popular offerings. Fresh-baked croissants, deli salads by the pound, off sale beer and wine, and take-away meals for at-home baking/heating are available. "Mitchum's is dedicated to serving fresh, homemade, wholesome foods," says owner, Brenda Tighe, who purchased the property last year. Shown here (left to right), Vickie Sanchez, Brenda Tighe, Pam Kinsey, and Chef Brad Hecht open the doors to the public for the first time. The opening of Mitchum's Market is the first phase in a project that will eventually include Mitchum's Steakhouse and other village-style vendors. For more information, please call 410.476.3330.



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